

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 743

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mary Elizabeth Grissom,
2002 Valedictorian of South Fulton High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Miss Mary Elizabeth Grissom is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at South Fulton High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Grissom has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, this Tennessee Honors student has earned an exemplary 4.0 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, due to her outstanding commitment to academic excellence, Miss Grissom has earned numerous honors and awards, including the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, the Principal's Leadership Award, Nominee for the Toyota Scholars

Program, Gibson County Electric Membership Cooperative Writing Contest Winner and the Top Ten Award; and

WHEREAS, highly respected as a leader among her peers, Miss Grissom has served as the President of the Student Council, as the President of the Key Club, as President of the Distribution Education Clubs of America (DECA) and as Senior Class Secretary; and

WHEREAS, a young lady with remarkable leadership skills, Miss Grissom has also served as a Delegate to Girls' State, as a Delegate to the Student Congress on Policies in Education, as a Student Ambassador for Wells Studio, as an Alternate to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program and as the Yearbook Staff Editor; and

WHEREAS, she also participates in numerous other scholastic organizations, including Senate Youth, the National Beta Club and the Student Advisory Board for First Citizens National Bank; and

WHEREAS, her deep commitment to DECA has yielded tremendous success in competition; she has fared well in school, regional and state competitions; she has also qualified for national competition; and

WHEREAS, she was selected as "Most Likely to Succeed" by her fellow Seniors and was named Queen of the 2002 Miss South Fulton Pageant; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Miss Grissom participates in numerous community service organizations and activities, including the "Team Up to Clean Up" program, the American Cancer Society and the "Feeding 5,000" project; and

WHEREAS, she has been recognized by *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for her dedication to scholastic achievement and her commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, a young lady of impeccable character, Miss Grissom is an integral part of the South Fulton Baptist Church's Youth Group and the Senior Sunday School Class; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Grissom's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Miss Grissom's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Trvice and Marolyn Grissom, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Grissom's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 South Fulton High School Valedictorian, Mary Elizabeth Grissom, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.